

Please add the following new claims:

20. (New) An optical fiber cable configuration, comprising:
an outermost protective sheath formed from a piece of tape, said tape made of a wound piece of composite material;
a plurality of stacks which are stranded to be radially positioned within said outer protective sheath, wherein each of said plurality of stacks includes a plurality of buffer tubes.

21. (New) An optical fiber cable configuration, comprising:
a first buffer tube having an outermost portion formed from a piece of tape, said tape made of a wound piece of composite material; and
at least one optical fiber disposed in said first buffer tube.

22. (New) An optical fiber cable configuration, comprising:
outer protective sheath;
a plurality of stacks which are stranded to be radially positioned within said outer protective sheath, wherein each of said plurality of stacks includes a plurality of buffer tubes which contain an optical fiber and each of said plurality of stacks is formed to have a triangular shape, wherein at least one of said outer protective sheath, said stacks, and said plurality of buffer tubes,

has an outermost support portion which is formed from a piece of tape, said tape made from a wound piece of composite material.

23. (New) A method of making an optical fiber configuration, comprising:

providing a tape made from a composite material;

applying gel to a first side of said tape;

depositing an optical fiber on said tape;

rolling said tape to form a buffer tube with an outermost layer including said tape so that said optical fiber is contained within said buffer tube, wherein said tape provides support to said optical fiber.--
